

## **Portugal**

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In 2012-2013, 197 U.S. students studied in Portugal.

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### **Education System Overview**

**Academic year:** October – July

**Major school holidays/break:**

- Christmas and New Year Break: mid-December – early January
- Carnival: March 3, 4, and 5
- Easter: 1 week in April
- Summer Break: August – September

**Major exam period:** September, February and July

**Structure of the university system:**

- **Years of study required to earn a bachelor's degree:** 3 years
- **Language of instruction in universities:** Portuguese and English
- **Years of required English instruction in universities:** Not mandatory
- **Degrees offered:** Certificate, Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate

**Resources:**

Organization: DGES

Website: <http://www.dges.mec.pt/en>

### **Know Before You Go**

- [How to Apply for Your U.S. Passport](#)
- [Portugal Travel Information](#)



**U.S. Government-Sponsored Study and Exchange Programs:**

- [Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Program](#)
- [Fulbright U.S. Student Program](#)
- [Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program](#)
- [Gilman Scholarship Program](#)